MESSAGE FOR U.S. CITIZENS U.S. Embassy, Manila, The Philippines

May 8, 2013

Foreign Service Officer Test - June 8, 2013

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD.

The U.S. Embassy will offer the Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT) on Saturday, June 8th, 2013, at the U.S. Embassy - Seafront Compound Public at the former Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC).

Please note: Only pre-registered U.S. citizens are eligible to take the FSOT.

The Seafront Compound is located next to the Cuneta Astrodome on Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. There will be two test sessions available: one beginning at 8:30 a.m. or one beginning at 1:00 p.m. Only pre-registered participants will be admitted. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the test.

Those interested in taking the test must register on line. For registration instructions, please visit: http://careers.state.gov/officer/selection-process#nogo. Applicants must register directly through the test administrator ACT at http://www.act.org/fsot/

Please also note that those who take the FSOT must adhere to Embassy security policies regarding access to the Seafront Compound. All visitors must provide two forms of government-issued photo ID, one of which must be your U.S. passport, which will be exchanged for a visitor's badge. The badge must be visible at all times while on Seafront Compound. U.S. Department of State employees will escort you from the entrance to the test location. Visitors to Seafront Compound must pass metal detector screenings and have their bags checked by x-ray machines. Please visit our web site for general information about visiting the Embassy and for a list of items that may not be brought onto the Seafront compound. U.S. Embassy Manila, the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Government are not responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of personal property in Seafront Compound.

If you have questions, send an email to: FSOTManila@state.gov

The Embassy is located at 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines and is open 0730-1600, Monday through Friday. The Embassy's main telephone number is (632) 301-2000. American citizens needing to speak to the Embassy can dial this number and ask to be connected to the American Citizen Services (ACS) unit or with the Embassy Duty Officer (for calls outside of normal business hours). You can also contact the ACS unit through email at ACSInfoManila@state.gov or through the Embassy Facebook page. Please visit our website for information on all services offered by the ACS unit.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens travelling to or residing in the Philippines enroll in the Department of State's <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)</u> program. Registering gives you access to updated information on travel and security within the Philippines and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact you in case of emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly at the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate.

You can also stay up to date by bookmarking the <u>Department of State's website</u>, which contains all current <u>Travel Warnings</u> and <u>Travel Alerts</u>, as well as the current <u>Worldwide Caution</u>. Please consult the <u>Country Specific Information on the Philippines</u>, for general information about the Philippines. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website

Contact the U.S. Embassy for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by "following" us on Twitter and "liking" the Bureau of Consular Affairs on Facebook. You can also download our free Smart Traveler App, available through Tunes and the Android market, to have travel information at your fingertips.